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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KANG ET AL.

Examiner

Dung (Michael) T. Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 9 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8, 11 and 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-7 and 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kish, Jr. et al. (2005/0018720).

With respect to claims 1,3, and 5, Fig.4A shows a semiconductor optical transmitter including a plurality of active layers (it is inherent that the DFB laser, the EA modulator, and the SOA have the active layers for the wave to propagate through) formed on a semiconductor substrate 10, the optical transmitter comprising: a distributed feedback laser diode 70 including a grating (para.0192) for reflecting light with a predetermined wavelength and a first active layer for oscillating received light from the grating; an electro-absorption modulator 72 including a second active layer for receiving light from the first active layer, wherein the received light intensity is modulated through a change of absorbency in accordance with an applied voltage; an optical amplifier 78 including a third active layer for amplifying received light from the second active layer; a first optical attenuator 72 (para.0142) between the first active layer and the second active layer; and

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a second optical attenuator 76 (para.0142 discloses the PIN can be employed as attenuator) between the second active layer and the third active layer.

With respect to claim 2, Fig.4A and para.0141 disclose the semiconductor optical transmitter is a semiconductor monolithic integrated optical transmitter.

With respect to claim 4, para.0143-0144 disclose the first attenuator mitigates hole pile-up (that is attenuating).

With respect to claim 6, Para.0144 discloses the second optical attenuator adjusts intensities of received light in the semiconductor optical amplifier.

With respect to claim 7, it is inherent that the distributed feedback laser diode, the electro-absorption modulator and the semiconductor optical amplifier, each have respective different energy bandgaps because they were each used in different application.

With respect to claim 9, para.0144 and Fig.4A disclose the third active layer of the optical amplifier has an adjustable gain in accordance with an applied current.

With respect to claim 10, it is inherent that the third active layer of the optical amplifier has a predetermined gain peak. Otherwise, it would amplify.

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Allowable Subject Matter

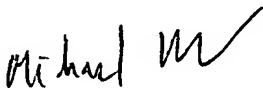
Claims 8 and 11-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The above cited prior art fails to disclose the limitations as recited in claims 8 and 11-12.

Communication Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung (Michael) T Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1949. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 17:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Min Harvey can be reached on (571) 272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-3329.



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